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KUALA LUMPUR FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

REF: A. BANGKOK 9827; B. FBIS 290938Z MAY 75

1. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT'S REPORTED STATEMENTS ABOUT THE
SECRETARY PAYING NO ATTENTION TO THAI POLITICIANS AND TO
SOUTHEAST ASIA (REFS A AND B) APPEARED IN THE MAY 30 ISSUE
OF U.S. PAPERS. THE DEPARTMENT PREPARED THE FOLLOWING
GUIDANCE FOR THE SPOKESMAN:

2. "QUESTION: DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE
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REPORTED REMARKS OF THE THAI PRIME MINISTER WHICH ALLEGES
THAT: (1) THE SECRETARY STATED IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE
THAI MILITARY WERE SUPPORTING THE U.S. AND THAT THAI POLI-

TICIANS WERE UNIMPORTANT, AND (2) THAT THE SECRETARY WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SOUTH EAST ASIA BUT ONLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE HE WAS A JEW.

"ANSWER: THE SECRETARY HAS NEVER MADE REMARKS SUCH AS THOSE THE PRIME MINISTER WAS REPORTEDLY REPLYING TO.

"WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED AN OFFICIAL OF ANY GOVERNMENT TO HAVE ASKED US ABOUT THE TRUTH OF SUCH ALLEGED REMARKS BEFORE COMMENTING ON THEM PUBLICLY.

"AS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORTED REMARKS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE WORTHY OF COMMENT."

3. AT THE MAY 30 NOON BRIEFING, THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN READ THE ABOVE GUIDANCE WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTS OF A STATEMENT MADE BY THAI PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT ABOUT THE SECRETARY. ASKED IF WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH THE RTG TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS, HE REPLIED WE WERE IN CONTACT AND SAID THE REMARKS OF THE RTG SPOKESMAN WERE WIDELY REPORTED BY THE PRESS AND FBIS. INGERSOLL

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